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# Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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## **SUBJECT: Mammography Computer Aided Detection (CAD) Equipment**

This Program Memorandum (PM) clarifies that mammography-related CAD equipment does not require Food and Drug Administration (FDA) certification. Certification from the FDA is needed only for screening and diagnostic mammograms (film and digital). The CAD add-on codes involved in this process are 76085 and G0236.

The CAD process can provide either digitization of film radiographic images with computer analysis OR computer analysis of direct digital mammography.

If previously processed claims are brought to your attention, you must make adjustments.

You must advise providers of this policy in your next regularly scheduled bulletins and on your Web sites within two weeks of receiving this instruction. In addition, if you have a listserv that targets the affected provider communities, you must use it to notify subscribers that important information about "Clarification for CAD Claims" is available on your Web site.

**The *effective date* for this PM is May 31, 2003.**

**The *implementation date* for this notice is May 31, 2003.**

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded after May 31, 2004.**

**If you have any questions, contact the appropriate regional office.**